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SUBJECT: MEETING OF RADICAL RIGHTIST ORGANIZATION BANNED

1. THE GERMAN PEOPLES' UNION (DEUTSCHE VOLKSUNION), A VERY SMALL NEO-NAZI POLITICAL PARTY BUILT AROUND "NATIONAL ZEITUNG" PUBLISHER GERHARD FREY, PLANNED TO HOLD A RALLY AT MUNICH'S "SCHWABING BEERHALL" SEPTEMBER 3. SLOGAN FOR THE RALLY WAS TO BE "ETERNAL PENANCE FOR HITLER?"
2. THE MUNICH CITY GOVERNMENT BANNED THE GPU RALLY, AND THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OF UPPER BAVARIA REAFFIRMED THIS BAN. FREY THEN BROUGHT SUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF MUNICH AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT IN MUNICH. AFTER THE MUNICH COURT UPHELD THE BAN, FREY APPEALED TO THE BAVARIAN STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT WHICH AFFIRMED THE LOWER COURT'S DECISION.
3. THE COURTS HELD THAT IN THIS INSTANCE, CONSTITUTIONAL

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PROVISIONS ON HUMAN DIGNITY AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION OF THE FRG OUTWEIGH THE GPU MEMBERS' RIGHTS OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY.

4. NOTWITHSTANDING THE BAN, A FEW RIGHT AND LEFT RADICAL DEMONSTRATORS FENCED EACH OTHER ACROSS THE STREET RUNNING IN FRONT OF THE SCHWABING BEERHALL SEPTEMBER 3. A LARGE CONTINGENT

OF MUNICH POLICE, AIDED BY HEAVY TRAFFIC, SUCCEEDED IN KEEPING THE DEMONSTRATORS APART.

5. AFTER ATTEMPTING TO HOLD A SUBSTITUTE RALLY IN THE TOWN OF STARNBERG FAILED, FREY AND HIS SUPPORTERS HELD A CLOSED REPEAT CLOSED MEETING IN FURSTENFELDBRUCK, A SMALL TOWN OUTSIDE MUNICH. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ABOUT 400 PERSONS ATTENDED THE MEETING THERE.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HIS NEWSPAPER "NATIONAL ZEITUNG," IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT EUROPE, FREY'S GPU HAS NOT REPEAT NOT ATTRACTED SIGNIFICANT FOLLOWING. GILMORE

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